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PATENT
Docket No. GC626-2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Estell et al.)

Serial No. 09/932,369)

Filed: August 17, 2001)

For: Mass Spectrometric Analysis of)
Biopolymers)

Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: Counts, Gary W.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

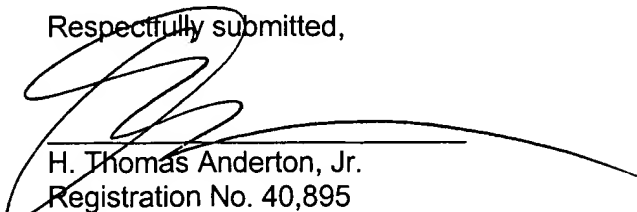
In response to the Examiner's requirement that a single elected species be elected, Applicants hereby elect the invention in Group I, claims 1, 2, 5-10 and 13-15, drawn to a method for determining the absolute quantity of a target biopolymer, classified in class 435, subclass 6. In response to the Examiner's request to elect a species (page 4 of the Office Action), Applicants hereby elect "polypeptide".

Applicants reserve the right to file subsequent applications claiming the non-elected subject matter and do not waive any of their rights or abandon any non-elected

subject matter. Applicants have fully and completely responded to the Office Action and have made the required election. This application is now in order for early action.

Respectfully submitted,

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